



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Health has a career opportunity for qualified candidates for the following position:

Title Government Representative 1 [Unclassified]			Salary X98 salary commensurate with education & experience
Posting Number 574-21	Position Number TBD	Number of Positions 1	Posting Period * From: 10/22/2021 To: 11/05/2021
Location: 55 N. Willow Street, Trenton NJ			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: Applicants who Meet the Requirements

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Director of Opioid Response and Policy serves as the subject matter expert on the overdose epidemic to the Commissioner and is responsible for coordinating DOH's opioid portfolio that includes a mix of surveillance, harm reduction and prevention activities that seek to stem the tide of the overdose epidemic. The Director will have both internal and external responsibilities, including; Providing technical expertise and thought leadership on the overdose epidemic, current trends and best practices. Work and partner with external stakeholders who are working on addressing the opioid epidemic; Negotiate contracts with external partners; Oversee the execution of grant deliverables efficiently, with integrity, and with high quality work products; Identify gaps in our response and identify innovative solutions; Identify opportunities (both in terms of partnerships and funding) to advance our goal to stem the tide of the opioid epidemic; and develop strategic policy solutions.

Preference is given to individuals who have worked with concepts of health equity and principles of harm reduction. Ability to effectively communicate-verbally and in writing with a variety of Ability to maintain effective working relationships and develop partnerships with external stakeholders.

Major interim duties:

- Legislative assistance with naloxone expansion and paramedic bup, OFRTs, and harm reduction.
- Assist with harm reduction expansion and solutions for AC.
- Strategic planning around opioid settlement funds.
- Assistance with state dollars (ORO, medical examiner, OFRTs).
- Continue to hold liaison duties with gov's office and assistance agencies.
- Provide support on stakeholders relations.
- Quickly respond to media inquiries.

REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)

EDUCATION: Graduation from and accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree.

EXPERIENCE: Five (5) years of experience in the administration and management of a program to develop and implement policy in a public or private organization.

IMPORTANT FILING INSTRUCTIONS

If interested in this position, you can reply in one of two ways:

- Forward the required documents electronically to:
PSTOC@doh.nj.gov
- Mail the required documents to:
**Kevin Jennings, Supervising Mgt. Impr. Specialist
Office of Commissioner
Reference Posting #574-21
New Jersey Department of Health
PO Box 360
Trenton, NJ 08625-0360**

Required documents:

- cover letter
- resume
- completed application, found at:
<http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663.pdf>

** Responses received after the closing date MAY be considered if the position is not filled.*

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- *Newly hired employees must agree to a thorough background check that will include fingerprinting.*
 - *If you are a candidate for a position in our Public Health and Environmental Laboratories, you may be subject to pre- and /or post-employment alcohol and drug testing.*
 - *If you are a candidate for a position that involves direct client care in one of the State facilities/programs, you may be subject to pre- and/or post-employment drug testing/screening. The cost of any pre-employment testing will be at the candidate's expense. Candidates with a positive drug test result, or those who refuse to be tested and/or cooperate with the testing requirement, will not be hired.*
 - *In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.*
 - *In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-7, the "New Jersey First Act", all employees must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you do not live in New Jersey, you have one year after you begin employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey.*
 - **The New Jersey Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
 - *RESUME NOTE: Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency prior to the closing date. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility.*